(b) To meet the sudden drop in aircraft capacity consequent upon the suspension of A-320 operations of Indian Airlines, Government had permitted Vayudoot to get aircraft on wet lease against rupee payment and deploy them on certain sectors in the interest of travelling public.

(c) It is the policy of Government to run the air services mainly through the generations of internal resources and also through budgetary support. Rs. 5.74 crores has been provided for the civil aviation sector during 1990-91.

(d) The following steps have been taken to meet the situation arising out of the grounding of A-320 fleet of Indian Airlines:—

(a) Fuller utilisation of the rest of the fleet leading to a distinct improvement in the overall load factor of the system as a whole.

(ii) Leasing in of additional capacity from Air India.

(iii) Tighter control over capital and revenue expenditures.

(iv) Efforts are also on to lease in capacity from other airlines/leasing companies.

Upgrading the Jaipur Airport to International Standards

863 SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on account of bad weather a number of flights from Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi are being diverted to Calcutta, Bombay and Madras International Airports which are far away from the capital and cause a lot of inconvenience to the passengers;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision to upgrade the Jaipur airport as an alternative international airport for diverting emergent flights from Delhi because of its being nearer to the capital;

(c) whether the International Airport Authority of India in its recent survey has also identified Jaipur Airport for upgradation as an International Airport, if so, what are the details of recommendations of the Authority; and

(d) by when the Central Government would take a decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) As per air navigation plan Bombay, Calcutta, Karachi, Amritsar, Lahore and Ahmedabad have been designated as alternate airports for diverted international flights scheduled for Delhi.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. Do not arise.

DESU Lax on Bills

864. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the 'Hidustan Times' of the 5th July, 1990 captioned "DESU Lax on Bills", if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether any study on the working of DESU was recently undertaken by some Central Department; if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(c) what remedial steps Government have taken so far with a view to bring about some improvement in the incorrect and late billing system of DESU in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) According to the DESU, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances had conducted a study on the simplification of procedures for billing and